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Southern District Council

Update on the Queen Mary Hospital Redevelopment, Phase 1

Purpose

This paper aims to brief members on the latest progress of the Queen Mary Hospital (QMH) Redevelopment, phase 1.

Progress Update

A. Senior Staff Quarters (SSQ) Conversion Works

- 1. The SSQ conversion and the associated works have commenced on 28 July 2014, they are generally on schedule.
- 2. Preliminary works for the Link Bridge connecting the converted SSQ with the hospital compound is under way. To minimize disruption to the busy daytime operation of the hospital, a Construction Noise Permit valid until end of October was obtained to carry out part of the construction works from 19:00 to 07:00 hours. The hospital has notified the residents of the private residential complexes in the neighbourhood, explaining to them the need and seeking their understanding and forbearance.
- 3. To facilitate the construction of the Link Bridge footing, a number of car parking spaces within and adjacent to the footprint of the Link Bridge footing have to be temporarily suspended from a few weeks to up to 6 months. In order to maintain a critical number of car parking spaces essential for hospital daily operation, some or even all of the visitor's car parking spaces in Block S (Specialist Out-patient Clinics) might be suspended temporarily and visitors are encouraged to use the parking spaces near QMH or public transportations.
- 4. Report on incidents and feedbacks

A summary of the incidents and feedbacks encountered in May and June 2015 is shown below:

| | Nature | Date | Details | Follow-up actions |
|-----|---------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| I. | Work Injuries | 2/6/2015 | A worker of the | Reinforce training |
| | | | contractor hurt his leg | |
| | | | when moving steel joist | |
| | | | inside the SSQ building | |
| II. | Feedbacks | Nil | Nil | NA |

B. Preparatory Works for the Construction of the New Block

1. In response to the concerns from District Council members on the possibility of provisioning a public footpath from Pok Fu Lam Road to link up with the existing hill trail leading to Kotewall Road, the Hospital Authority Head Office has written to the relevant government departments seeking their assistance. QMH will follow up with them and report to the Council in due course.

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